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DELAWARE JUDICIAL BRANCH EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NAMED

Chief Justice Myron T. Steele of the Delaware Supreme Court is pleased to announce the selection of Elizabeth Jonkiert as the Delaware Judicial Branch Employee of the Year for 2005. Ms. Jonkiert is a Management Analyst II with the Court of Common Pleas and was selected for the outstanding contributions that she has made to the Court of Common Pleas and to the Judicial Branch as a whole. She has served in the Delaware Judiciary for almost 30 years and has become an expert in all aspects of criminal case flow, scheduling, calendaring, and statistics for the Court. In addition, she has served on numerous committees and is a respected resource for organizations throughout the criminal justice community.

Most recently, Ms. Jonkiert has been appointed as the lead representative of the Court of Common Pleas to the COTS project. The COTS project is a new integrated civil, criminal and financial case management system under development by the Judicial Branch. In that role, she is working tirelessly to ensure the success of the project.

Ms. Jonkiert is a native Delawarean and a resident of New Castle County. She was nominated by her colleagues on the Court of Common Pleas who noted her dedication, quality of her work, long hours spent at the job, going the extra mile quietly and without fanfare.

Chief Justice Steele congratulated Ms. Jonkiert "for providing expedited and quality services to the Judicial Branch and others". The Chief Justice will recognize Ms. Jonkiert with a Certificate of Recognition, a savings bond and a personal gift during the Court of Common Pleas Employee Recognition Ceremony on May 12, 2006.

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